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Dear Tim:

Been paralysed making decisions so forgive me not writing last week till I figured out what I wanted to do. Got letter & telegram from Corso in Athens summoning me hurry up or he sez he'll take a boat to here, so I replied I'd stand on Acropolis with him in a month if the gods please and ~~xxxx~~ he replied he'd wait, then.

Meanwhile been running around in frenzy--Huncke now cured and taking rest in Jacobi hospital for a few weeks in psycho ward with friendly doctors, he's ~~xxxxx~~ free to come or go.

omit ~~Yvonne~~ Ann I've seen a number of times, took her out one nite to Leroi Jones & got drunk. She can't make up her mind what to do with her life, wants someone to depend on, also wants independance, but she's spoiled & beautiful. ~~Barney~~ ^{Barney} is polite too, I had talk with him, mollified him by saying in sum I thought it was a mistake to turn him & her on. Otherwise he'll get into a big battle over the word mistake. I gave him a long poem on LSD for Evergreen which he said he liked and will publish in next issue. So I guess they'll just go on as before & work out their fate. Only way I can see otherwise is taking over ~~Yvonne~~ Ann entirely, me ~~xxxx~~ marrying her or something. (Don't think she didn't suggest it.) She still wants him. We just barged in on the middle of some insoluble modern romance. I dunno, how to resolve the mushroom politics of this, without their resolving their own politics. So far it all seems quieted down.

I really want to get out of US and go to Greece and begin Orient voyages etc. A lot of things keep me here now, the mushroom work, people who depend on me like Huncke (or people who I think depend on me, etc) but I'd like to be alone & start a new phase, awhile. I can write, either way here or there, it's not so much a problem of having solitude for poesy, it's just I feel like taking off, boop-boop-a-doop.

Meanwhile I've been conspiring with everyone I can reach in NY the last weeks to do something about the general dope problem. I dunno, but I think it wd. help the mushroom atmosphere lots if there were a general US re-thinking (as the NY Times friend says) on the dope social problem. Lindesmith and Indiana U press are pubbing out this joint report of Interim Committee of AMA and Amer Bar Assn (see enclosure) so I got in touch with all the liberal pro-dope people I knew to have it publicized and circulated, and have them all interconnect to exchange information. I wrote a 5 page summary of situation to this friend Kenny Love on the NY Times & he said he'd perhaps do a story (newswise) on the book, which could then be picked up by UP friend on national wire; also gave copy to Al Aronowitz on NY Post and Rosalind Constable at Time & Bob Silvers on Harpers magazine & informed Yugen, Evergreen, Big Table, Metronome, --meanwhile Indiana U people are working on Commentary, the Nation etc. Regular network. Also got a copy of Laguardia Report to Grove Press, they will republish it with additional stronger material. maybe Dan Wakefield edit a book, and various other people working on other different angles. Yesterday got on TV with N Mailer and Ashley Montague & gave big speech attacking Narco Dept & recommending everybody get high--be on locally in NY Sunday after this, if they don't suppress the program. Montague is an old woman, but he cooperated a bit. Maybe I'll go on Mike Wallace show, they asked me to. Also ~~xxxxxxx~~ making an appointment with Eleanor Roosevelt to try interest her in the "social problem". Met her & Martin Luther King at Dorothy Norman's last nite. Got lunch date with Rev Norman Eddy of E Harlem protestant Parish this Tues. He the big dope do-gooder. Didn't mention mushrooms in all of this, for tactful reasons. Best keep that on its own high level. Otherwise might get mixed up with beatnickism.

You sure got a lot of energy. --just got your Feb 1 letter. Glad you heard the Howl record. That never got circulated so I also got to work this month arranging advertisements for that--Fantasy record Co. is very inert unless I prod them. If that begins selling sometime this year, with Kaddish out in a month, I'll have plenty loot for Europe & Asia & Lafcadio too.

I won't therefore be able to make the Harvard mushroom seminar week--I'm sorry --don't let it bug you. I don't know exactly when I'm leaving yet--but it's got to be around the first week in March. Peter and I will come up to Harvard for weekend before we leave tho. Please don't be mad at me for taking off and leaving you hold the bag with so much on your mind. In the long run I do better in anonymous goofing and writing than being Allen Ginsberg politicking.

I get the impression that the general psychic fog in the US may be lifting.

Also wrote a stern appeal for drugs into the GAP conference report which'll be published by them. Said they shd invite some Amazon Curanderos for their next conference.

Do you want or need, or does the situation actually need, that I stay longer here and make the Harvard conference? If feel that if I stay I'll just keep staying--and Gregory is calling etc. If he comes here it'll be a ball but it'll be a year or half year before we can go again.

Prison sounds great. Don't give MR to junkies who are just in physiological process & (first weeks) of kicking, Burroughs says in an article it wd be pure hell--physical pains, maybe get magnified.

Kaufman said he'd already sent you material--didn't it arrive? I told him you'd not received it.

Which Osmond Handbook on LSD? on giving LSD? was that one of the papers I had?

In confusion I gave all papers to a Dr Joe Gross, young psychiatrist who's had mescaline--including your poem-paper, before I had read it. Can you send me another? *Herova*

Who's the Boston poet? I wound up imitating Jack too for a week. He sounds fine on phone, I think that weekend did him permanent good, sort of made him more resolved & peaceful.

Your letter very lovely, makes me feel like a messiah--running out on the cross part. I was always a little ashamed of the love poem for being so schmaltzy & schwarmerei & vague abstract. The Aremriaca erk America reading is a combination of different readings pieced on tape--I wanted to get ~~xxxxxx~~ campy tones into it, burlesque horror and goo-goo eyes.

Can you send me copy of Amer Psych Assn speech?

I been typing all day and also on junk--want to lay down & rest & think---so sign off--Peter working 12 hrs a day as messenger in Snow to get up some more Europe loot. If we're starving in India we'll send you big demanding telegrams taking you up on yr offered presence.

I gave 15 mushrooms to Theolonious monk & he wanted to be alone with family in his house. I spoke to him on phone 5 hrs later he was fine. No report from him yet, I'll send that soon as possible.

David Solomon is a good guy, but he is longwinded an ex-political intellectual who's got humane. He's given mescaline out so I guess he can do it safely. I don't know if formal center need/can be set up in NY till the fungus spreads from Cambridge Academy to NY Academy. You have all the equipment for working with security there, that's the best--it will spread on its own once some NY psychiatrist meets up with you. Glad Schultes is friendly. Never did meet him. *Good* *(over)*